



# ANNUAL REPORT 2013

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# Annual Report 2012/2013

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# Annual Report Welcome

*Welcome to the MIDLAS 2013 Annual Report. We are excited and proud of the year that has just been. Our team has worked hard to empower our clients for a better future. Enclosed you will find some of their stories to show the difference that we have made in their lives.*

*We look forward to continuing these worthwhile results in the upcoming year.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*The MIDLAS team.*

***MIDLAS empowers disadvantaged and vulnerable people within our community who are experiencing distress by providing them with free services and confidential: information, advocacy, options, referral and support so they can achieve a better way of life.***



# MIDLAS

# Chairperson's Report

It gives me great pleasure to submit my second report as the Chair of MIDLAS. It has been an eventful and successful year at MIDLAS for the year ended 30 June 2013, our 35th year of serving the community.

On behalf of the MIDLAS Board, I take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the MIDLAS staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to provide support services to our community, particularly within an environment of increased demand.

The MIDLAS Board continues to function in accordance with our charter and the basic principles on which it was founded. This year we welcomed Adrian Tomizzi as a new member to the Board, who took over the role of Treasurer from Katie McIntyre.

The 2012-2013 governance agenda was assisted by two Board Committees, the Policy Committee chaired by Maxinne Sclanders and the Audit, Risk and Remuneration Committee chaired by Bettina Gibney. The board and committees have invested considerable time and energy in reviewing the activities of MIDLAS and planning for the future. In addition to providing our core services, this year saw the establishment of a new MIDLAS enterprise, with the launch of MIDLAS Media which offers affordable multimedia services for the non-for-profit sector.

It has been a busy year for the Board and the contribution of members has been significant. Danielle Bejr, Freda Bender, Sue Codd, Bettina Gibney, Katie McIntyre, Maxinne Sclanders Adrian Tomizzi and James Wilson have brought to the table significant experience and expertise in a wide variety of fields.

It has been my privilege to work with the Board and the staff of MIDLAS over the last 12 months and I look forward to another busy and productive year as we continue to strengthen our governance arrangements and risk management processes.

Carol Mirco  
Chairperson



# Treasurer's Report

In reference to the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2013, you will note a deficit for the year. This can be expected from time to time in a not-for-profit environment with limited control over the income streams given that the majority of the income MIDLAS receive is composed of government grant funding.

MIDLAS maintains a current retained profit as at 30 June of \$147,622 and there shall be a continued focus in the coming year on increasing variable revenue streams through initiatives such as MIDLAS Media, as well as maintaining necessary grant funding and monitoring costs so that MIDLAS can continue to serve the community.

I recommend that the accounts as presented be adopted by the membership and I look forward to being a part of the continued success of MIDLAS into the future.

Adrian Tomozzi  
Treasurer

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# Chief Executive Officer's Report

The financial year just passed has seen some significant developments and successes for MIDLAS. These have been achieved through the dedication of the MIDLAS staff and its board members, continually working together towards improving best practices, delivering high value services to clients, empowering disadvantaged and vulnerable people within our community and identifying and enhancing strong links with all of our stakeholders.

Over the past twelve months, MIDLAS has worked towards building a strong repository of information aimed at providing up to date education for the community through its suite of social media platforms. All services were involved in creating videos, blogs and facebook posts to share information on current issues with all stakeholders. MIDLAS received a social enterprise grant which allowed for the introduction of a social enterprise arm of MIDLAS. Through the provision of social media services, it is hoped that this social enterprise will allow MIDLAS to become financially sustainable. Funds from the enterprise will support our core services for disadvantaged members of the community.

Over the past year MIDLAS has enjoyed a number of other significant activities and achievements. Some of these include: passing the accreditation process for the National Disability Advocacy Program Quality Assurance; our Social Media projects manager delivering an address at the National Community Legal Centre Conference; our Financial Service Team leader receiving a scholarship from Financial Counsellors Association (FCA) WA to attend the national FCA conference; our longstanding and dedicated Board Member, Freda Bender, was a finalist in the WA Seniors Awards 2012.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our funding bodies. MIDLAS values your ongoing support which allows us to deliver essential services to meet clients' needs. All MIDLAS staff members do an incredible job in the community and your hard work and committed efforts, suggestions and networking is fundamental in continually developing MIDLAS as a best practice organisation to empower disadvantaged and vulnerable people within our community. Further thanks go to our volunteer Board members that bring a wealth of skills and commitment to steer MIDLAS towards achieving its strategies and enhancing its professionalism. The combined efforts of all these groups allow MIDLAS to be a proud innovator in meeting our vision.



Justine Clarke  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

# Midland Information Debt and Legal Advocacy Service (Inc)

*"MIDLAS services provide a long-term, sustainable improvement in the quality of life of the individual and the community at large. We provide real services, to real people in real need."*

MIDLAS is a not-for-profit Community Legal Centre (CLC) that provides vital services to eligible residents in the North East of Perth. MIDLAS offers six free services: Information Service, Financial Service, Emergency Relief Service, Legal Service, Tenancy Service and Disability Service. Without MIDLAS our clients would be unable to afford the relevant and appropriate professional assistance and would risk facing further disadvantage and social exclusion. MIDLAS adopts, applies and promotes non-discriminatory entry rules in respect of age, gender, race, culture, religion or disability, consistent with the contractual obligations and purpose of our agency. It is the intention of MIDLAS that all people in the organisation's target group have equal access to our services.

MIDLAS services intend to provide a long-term, sustainable improvement in the quality of life of the individual and the community at large. We provide real services, to real people in real need.

MIDLAS supports those who are at risk of social exclusion. MIDLAS provides a central location to disseminate and coordinate information and referrals to other professional services in the area. The work undertaken by MIDLAS is fundamental in reducing poverty and crime in the North Eastern Metropolitan (and 'hills') region of Perth. Moreover, MIDLAS brings the community together, building social capital and strengthening the social fabric of the region. MIDLAS fosters a positive environment of hope for those in need, seeking to sustainably improve the quality of life for all individuals within the community.

*"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" – Aristotle*



# MIDLAS Services

## Information Service & Emergency Relief

*MIDLAS advocates use a strengths based approach that involves identifying the strengths and positives of the client. Building upon positive characteristics will assist the client to actively participate to achieve success by resolving their own issues. This in turn prevents the reoccurrence of these issues for clients and ensures the outcome is sustainable.*

MIDLAS provides an Information Service that collaborates accurate and relevant information for all disadvantaged and vulnerable people, empowering them with the knowledge required to prevent the crisis from recurring. Many clients who attend MIDLAS are burdened by multiple issues, often requiring immediate intervention. Some problems may be issue specific, for example an inability to pay bills, a threat of eviction or problems stemming from domestic and family violence. Other client issues may consist of numerous complex, interrelated dependencies.

***“Relief granted to individuals in immediate need has meant that further crisis in their lives can be avoided. MIDLAS adopts a unique engagement and empowerment strategy that ensures recipients of emergency relief can achieve positive change.” Roanna, MIDLAS Administration Officer***

MIDLAS provides all clients with free telephone, online, social media, face to face and written information about our services and our networks. In addition to providing this information, MIDLAS also offers limited emergency relief for people in immediate crisis. Blankets, food vouchers, pharmacy vouchers and smart-riders are available by appointment only. This year, MIDLAS has been able to distribute a limited number of swags to assist those who are experiencing first degree homelessness.





# Financial Service

MIDLAS employs Financial Counsellors to offer assistance to people experiencing financial hardship. The Financial Counsellors aid with issues ranging from personal budgeting skills through to debt management, negotiation with creditors and bankruptcy assistance and information.

*"In the past 6 months, the MIDLAS Financial Counselling team have provided over \$182,799.00 worth of HUGS grants to 430 clients." Justine Clarke – Financial Service Team Leader*

The Hardship Utility Grant Scheme applications can allow clients to maintain connection to power and water and mean they are not subjected to further disadvantage. The assistance provided has also encouraged client participation and empowered them to ensure a more financially stable future. This is primarily achieved through the budgeting skills that MIDLAS Financial Counsellors transfer to their clients. The Financial Service provided at MIDLAS is instrumental in reducing poverty in the community by empowering individuals to make informed choices in their future financial decisions.

*'Angela', a 67 year old retiree attended MIDLAS requesting assistance with her overdue Synergy account. Angela and her partner 'Adam' were receiving an Aged Pension at the time of attending MIDLAS, but were struggling to keep up to date with their bills, car repayments and credit card debt. Adam was very distressed at the time of attending MIDLAS as the Debt Collection Agency had been contacting him on a regular basis and had threatened to remove goods from his home.*

*Adam had previously contacted the Commonwealth Bank regarding his credit card debt, and attempted to have the debt waived. Despite his financial hardship situation, the bank had refused his request. As part of the client's action plan, the MIDLAS Financial Counsellor contacted the Commonwealth Bank on Adam's behalf requesting they waive the debt in full.*

*The MIDLAS Financial Counsellor was able to process a Hardship Utility Grant for Angela's Synergy bill, alleviating some of the stress associated with the day to day cost of living.*



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# Legal Service

MIDLAS provides a free legal service focused on assisting victims of family and domestic violence. The service also includes initial assistance and advice in family law (not property), criminal injuries compensation and other relevant matters. The Legal Service provided by MIDLAS has been instrumental in ensuring the safety of victims of domestic violence. Violence Restraining Orders, drafted and submitted by the Principal Solicitor at MIDLAS are upheld in the Court and ensure that victims are protected from their violent perpetrators.

***“The Solicitor and Paralegal at MIDLAS went above and beyond to help me make informed choices about my legal situation, and provide me with significant support in a very stressful and frightening time in my life.”***

For anything that exceeds the scope of the MIDLAS Domestic Violence Legal Service, the solicitor facilitates a referral and transfer to a suitable, alternate legal practitioner. General assistance is provided by the paralegal and assists the lawyer to ensure compliance of the organisation.

*‘Amy’ attended MIDLAS seeking assistance from the Domestic Violence Legal Service. ‘Amy’ had been in a physically, emotionally and financially abusive relationship for over 2 years and needed assistance in navigating through her options. The MIDLAS legal team provided Amy with the relevant information regarding the application of a Violence Restraining Order and how it could assist her in her current situation. The MIDLAS legal team were able to liaise with Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (DVAS) to secure free counselling through the client’s local General Practitioner.*

*MIDLAS was also able to obtain a letter of support from a DVAS representative to support ‘Amy’s’ application to be placed on the priority housing waitlist. In the interim, the client had confirmed that she could secure housing with her relatives. ‘Amy’ was provided with the necessary support to leave the abusive relationship that she was in and received ongoing free counselling because of the referral networks at MIDLAS.*



# Tenancy Service

The MIDLAS Tenancy Service is available for all tenants, including the private rental market as well as those living in public and social housing or without a permanent place of residence. MIDLAS Tenancy Advocates provide information to tenants on their rights and responsibilities under the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 (WA) and negotiate with property agents and owners to secure an improved outcome for the tenant. Where appropriate, MIDLAS provides court representation. The primary aim of the MIDLAS Tenancy Service is the prevention of evictions leading to homelessness.

MIDLAS Tenant Advocates also assist in securing emergency and crisis accommodation for disadvantaged and vulnerable people who are or are at risk of becoming homeless.

***“Without the help of MIDLAS, I wouldn’t have been able to get my private rental bond back. MIDLAS negotiated with my real estate agent on my behalf to ensure that I received what I was entitled to.”***

*‘James’ attended MIDLAS seeking assistance from the MIDLAS Tenancy Advocate. James explained that he suffers from schizophrenia, depression and anxiety. Although James had obtained contacts for emergency support accommodation, and was on the Department of Housing’s priority waitlist, he was sleeping “rough,” and experiencing first degree homelessness.*

*A MIDLAS Tenancy Advocate provided James with a swag, supplied by Swags for the Homeless, to alleviate some of the stress he was experiencing as a result of being homeless. In addition to this, James was provided with a Woolworths and a pharmacy voucher and further enquiries into the progress of a Department of Housing property were made on his behalf.*



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# Disability Service

*"I honestly believe that MIDLAS has really done marvellous things for Midland. We are so blessed to have MIDLAS in the community"*

The MIDLAS Disability Advocacy Service ensures all people with disability have access to effective disability advocacy that promotes, protects and ensures their full and equal enjoyment of all human rights enabling community participation. The Disability Advocate provides guidance and support to individuals, having regard to their rights, including access to services, discrimination, alleged abuse and neglect.

The term persons with disabilities is used to apply to all persons with disabilities including those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various attitudinal and environmental barriers, hinders their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others ([www.un.org](http://www.un.org)).

*'Mary' has been in a wheelchair for the past 28 years as she suffers from McArdles Syndrome and had recently become housebound after her wheelchair broke down when she was crossing the road. Without a reliable wheelchair she had lost her independence.*

*Mary undertook an assessment by an Independent Occupational Therapist, who recommended her for a new wheelchair that would cost more than \$14,000.00! Upon further investigation, Mary's current funding, which supplied her carer, did not have the capacity to provide a wheelchair. Furthermore, any change in Mary's funding structure meant that she could potentially lose her carer.*

*Julie, MIDLAS Disability Advocate negotiated to provide the funds through the Community Living and Participation & Independent Living Centre Grants. The provision of a new wheelchair has allowed Mary to re-engage in the community. Mary is now able to leave home independently, attend her appointments, and is no longer restricted by the confines of her home.*



## Case Study

MIDLAS implements a truly holistic case model approach that identifies the complexities associated with each client's needs. Client concerns can dictate the need for both internal and external referrals. The MIDLAS team work together, involving all services, to assist with the many complex issues that a client may present with. The following case study is an example of the effectiveness of this unique case model:

### **Emergency Relief**

51 year old "Benjamin" presented at MIDLAS seeking emergency relief assistance to fill essential scripts which he was unable to afford. Benjamin had recently suffered a stroke which affected his balance, memory and limited his physical movement. In addition to the stroke Benjamin also suffered from high blood pressure, diabetes, depression and heart disease. As Benjamin was unable to work, he was experiencing significant financial hardship and was struggling to obtain his much needed medication.

### **Disability Service**

Recognising that MIDLAS could assist this client beyond the provision of a pharmacy voucher, the MIDLAS Administration Officer booked Benjamin in to see the MIDLAS Disability Advocate. It was identified that because Benjamin was on a working visa from New Zealand, he was not eligible to receive a Disability Support Pension or Health Care Card. The Disability Advocate did however establish that the client had worked in Australia prior to his stroke, and was therefore eligible pursuant to his superannuation fund to make a claim for Total and Permanent Disablement Insurance. The Disability Advocate lodged a claim valued at \$47,000.00 on behalf of the client.

The MIDLAS Disability Advocate also discovered that Benjamin was entitled to a Disability Support Pension and Carers Payment (for his wife) through the provisions of a support agreement that exists between the Australian and New Zealand Governments. These payments provided the client and his wife a regular stream of income that could assist the client's recovery, medical expenses and general living costs.



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### Tenancy Service

In order to further alleviate the client's hardship, the MIDLAS Disability Advocate referred Benjamin to the Tenancy team to make enquiries into cheaper housing options. The client and his wife were currently residing with 8 other family members in a 3 bedroom home, which was not appropriate for Benjamin's current needs. A MIDLAS Tenancy Advocate assisted the client with the lodgement of a priority application with the Department of Housing (DOH) for a property that was more suited to Benjamin's wheelchair. An assessment with a DOH occupational therapist was arranged so that the client's requirement would be fully taken into account when locating the couple a property. Priority was granted to Benjamin and his wife.



### Financial Service

Benjamin and his wife were also able to obtain assistance from the MIDLAS Financial Counselling Service. As a result of the client's prolonged illness, he and his wife had accumulated significant debt. A MIDLAS Financial Counsellor was successful in having the client's phone debt, personal loan and car debt waived.

As a result of the holistic service model at MIDLAS, Benjamin and his wife were able to obtain an insurance payment, a regular stream of income, be placed on the property housing waitlist, and have a significant amount of debt waived.



# MIDLAS Board of Management

MIDLAS is governed by an elected Board of at least five members and no more than ten including: a Chair person, Vice Chair Person, Treasurer and Secretary. The day to day management of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

The MIDLAS Board is comprised of individuals with a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience. The board has provided effective and efficient management to ensure the overall strength of the organisation. MIDLAS is thankful to these dedicated volunteers who have proved committed to guide the strategic direction of MIDLAS. The Board has ensured that MIDLAS is provided with every opportunity to reach its organisational goals. The Board meets at least four times each year, usually the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

## The MIDLAS Board of Management

Carol Mirco *Chairperson*

Suzanne Mary Codd *Vice Chairperson*

Danielle Bejr *Secretary*

Adrian Tomozzi *Treasurer*

Maxinne Sclanders *Committee Member*

Bettina Gibney *Committee Member*

Freda Bender *Committee Member*

James McIntyre Wilson *Committee Member*



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# MIDLAS Media



MIDLAS Media is the social enterprise arm of MIDLAS. MIDLAS Media promotes technology-based knowledge sharing, communication, conversation, and innovation in a cost efficient and effective way. Through a detailed online communication service, MIDLAS Media enables the not-for-profit sector and small to medium businesses throughout Western Australia to connect with clients, other networks, funding bodies and the wider community.

MIDLAS Media was successfully launched on the 23rd of May 2013 with the assistance of the Social Enterprise Grant provided by the State Government through the Department of Commerce.

The 4 main services provided by MIDLAS Media are:

## **Training & Workshops**

*Providing training and education about the effective use of social media. Workshops provide participants the opportunities to increase the effectiveness of their social media strategies for their business/organisations.*







### **Film Production**

*Film Production utilises the power of digital story telling to uniquely showcase the services, products, and case studies to a large and diverse audience. The MIDLAS Media Production team also provide still photography and the use of the MIDLAS Media professional editing suite.*

### **Website & Content Management**

*We provide a range of options for businesses and organisations to connect with clients and the wider community through a professional and highly effective website. MIDLAS Media has worked with many not-for-profit organisations throughout WA, building and designing unique and world class websites.*

### **Consultation**

*This service provides customised, personal training and extensive support to individual not-for-profit organisations. Consultation is ideally suited to an organisation desiring training for their own staff and board members of executive teams. MIDLAS Media Consultation is uniquely aimed at providing the information that an executive team and board of management require to utilise social media to meet the objectives of their strategic plan.*



# The MIDLAS Team

MIDLAS was originally incorporated as the Midland Debt Counselling Service and came into existence as a legal entity on 5th October 1989. At the time the organisation only comprised of one Financial Counsellor and a part-time Administrator. In 1996 a solicitor was employed and the name of the organisation was officially changed to Midland Information, Debt & Legal Advice Service Inc. The service gradually expanded with the introduction of the Tenancy Advocacy Service in 2001 and commencement of the Disability Advocacy Service in 2006. MIDLAS now operates under the guidance of a full Board of Management and employs 16 staff (12.4 FTE) and volunteers.

MIDLAS takes this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of all the individuals in our team who allow MIDLAS to make a positive social contribution to the community. The holistic service provided at MIDLAS is implemented by a team of highly qualified, experienced and dedicated personnel.



# MIDLAS Funding

## State Government Funding

### **Tenancy Service.**

Department of Commerce: Provision of Tenancy Advice and Education Services in Western Australia.

MIDLAS has given advice to persons on the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 1987. From 2012-2017 – Delivering Community Service in Partnership (DCSP) Policy, July 2011.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/index.htm>

### **Financial Service.**

Department for Child Protection: Financial Counselling Service – Delivering Community Service in Partnership (DCSP) Policy.

MIDLAS Financial Counsellors work with clients to resolve financial crisis such as the risk of legal action, loss of essential services or repossession/eviction. Services offer information, conduct assessments and provide support and options to assist clients address identified problems and manage their financial situation more effectively.

[http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/servicescommunity/Pages/HarshipUtilitiesGrantScheme\(HUGS\).aspx](http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/servicescommunity/Pages/HarshipUtilitiesGrantScheme(HUGS).aspx)

### **Emergency Relief.**

Lotterywest: Emergency Relief Grant

Lotterywest help organisations who help people who are experiencing hardship. MIDLAS Emergency Relief grant is used to cover the cost of food, clothing, shelter, transport and other needs considered critical by the service provider.

<http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/grant-types/emergency-relief>



### **Legal Service.**

Public Purposes Trust: The Law Society of WA as trustee of the Public Purposes Trust. MIDLAS Legal Service meets all of the objectives of the Trust and offers legal services for victims of domestic violence.

<http://www.lawsocietywa.asn.au/public-purposes-trust.html>

## **Commonwealth Funding**

### **Financial Service.**

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA):

- Commonwealth Financial Counselling Program (CFC)
- Commonwealth Financial Counselling Program – Supporting Income Management

Working collaboratively to help vulnerable and disadvantaged people build financial resilience, health and wellbeing.

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/communities-and-vulnerable-people/programs-services/commonwealth-financial-counselling-cfc>.

### **Disability Service.**

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA):

The National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) funds MIDLAS to provide individual advocacy support to people with disability that promotes, protects and ensures their full and equal enjoyment of all human rights, enabling community participation.

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/publications-articles/national-disability-advocacy-program>.



# Financial Report

## **To the Members of Midland Information Debt and Legal Advocacy Services (Inc)**

I have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report of Midland Information Debt and Legal Advocacy Services (Inc) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the state of comprehensive income for the year then ended, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Committee's declaration.

## **Committee's responsibility for the financial Report**

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

## **Auditor's responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due



to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that give a fair presentation, in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Independence**

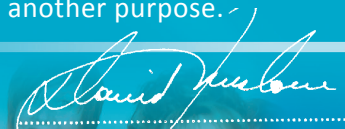
In conducting my audit I have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

### **Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in all material respects, and gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Midland Information Debt and Legal Advocacy Services (Inc) as at 30 June 2013 and of its financial performance for the year then ended and complies with Australian accounting standards to the extent described in Note 1 to those reports.

### **Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's responsibility under the Constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



David Truslove  
Auditor  
3rd September 2013



# MIDLAND INFORMATION DEBT AND LEGAL ADVOCACY SERVICE (Inc)

## CONSOLIDATED

### Detailed Profit and Loss statement

For the year ended 30 June 2013

	2013	2012
<b>Income</b>		
Interest received	10,558	13,663
Grants received	1,003,215	1,009,958
Special Equipment Grants	15,747	1,277
Under spend refund	(\$11,073)	-
Other Income	9,372	28,410
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,027,819</b>	<b>1,053,308</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accounting	36,000	25,200
Advertising	11,866	5,688
Audit fees	25,907	13,597
Bank Fees	367	344
Board Expenses	2,188	2,842
Cleaning/Administration	340	5
Community Education	-	23
Consultants Fees	502	5,564
Depreciation expenses	14,881	20,026
Expense for Commissions	-	30,021
Insurance	7,066	7,395
Interest	4	49
Interpreting Services	595	23
Emergency Relief	29,043	-
Library Resources	196	200
Memberships	11,040	11,107
Postage	2,756	1,845
Photocopying/ Printing	155	1,538
Professional Development	7,860	9,793
Parking	618	-
Equipment	11,997	-
Provision for Repairs/Awards/Training	-	6,034
Provision for Consulting	(\$30,000)	45,000

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Provision for Redundancy	-	51,300
Salary oncosts for LSL	7,866	5,772
Salary oncosts ANL	235	9,419
Provision for Social Media	-	<b>(\$22,547)</b>
Rent	48,032	43,748
Repairs & Maintenance	1,403	358
Security	178	1,059
Special Equipment Grants	15,703	3,945
Staff Amenities	1,575	1,310
Staff Training	4,718	-
Stationary	2,482	6,149
Sundry Expenses	76	667
Superannuation	71,045	60,030
IT Support & Maintenance	5,401	2,073
Telephone	13,037	10,764
Travel	3,021	4,658
Utilities	7,712	5,845
Wages	789,388	662,452
Total Expenses	<u>1,105,254</u>	<u>1,033,296</u>
Net profit (Loss) attributable to the association	<u><b>(\$77,435)</b></u>	<u><b>\$20,013</b></u>
Opening retained profits	225,057	199,285
Net profit (Loss) attributable to the association	<b>(\$77,435)</b>	20,013
Adjustments	-	5,759
Closing retained profits	<u><u><b>147,622</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>225,057</b></u></u>





**MIDLAND INFORMATION DEBT AND LEGAL ADVOCACY SERVICE (Inc)**  
**CONSOLIDATED**

**Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2013**

	2013	2012
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Bendigo Bank	207,836	284,910
Bendigo Emergency Relief #2	615	615
Bendigo Term Deposit	74,450	70,794
Petty Cash	100	100
	<u>283,001</u>	<u>356,419</u>
<b>Other</b>		
Prepaid Insurance	7,609	9,121
Receivables	124,304	-
	<u>131,913</u>	<u>9,121</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u><b>414,914</b></u>	<u><b>365,540</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Furniture & Fixtures at Cost	50,441	46,932
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(\$26,982)	(\$18,904)
Equipment at Cost	58,010	\$73,246
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(\$50,594)	(\$59,027)
	<u>30,876</u>	<u>42,248</u>
<b>Intangible Assets</b>		
Software and Applications	1,948	1,948
Less: Accumulated amortization	(\$1,948)	(\$1,948)
	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u>30,876</u>	<u>42,248</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>445,790</b></u>	<u><b>407,787</b></u>

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**Current Liabilities****Financial Liabilities**

Unsecured:	26	(\$678)
Credit Cards	26	(\$678)

**Current Tax Liabilities**

GST Payable control account	24,936	21,921
Input tax credit control account	(\$8,661)	(\$5,690)
PAYG Withholding Payable	8,435	5,937
	<u>24,710</u>	<u>22,168</u>

**Provisions**

Provisions for Annual Leave	25,595	25,360
Provisions for Long Services Leave	23,220	15,354
Provisions for Redundancy	51,300	51,300
Provisions for Training	-	8,182
Provisions for Audit DS	-	15,000
Provisions for Admin expenses	-	32,851
	<u>100,114</u>	<u>148,047</u>

**Other**

Grants in Advance	155,284	13,193
<i>Superannuation Payable</i>	18,035	-
	<u>173,319</u>	<u>13,193</u>

**Total Current Liabilities**

<b>24,736</b>	<b>21,490</b>
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**Total Liabilities**

<b>298,169</b>	<b>182,730</b>
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**Net Assets**

<b>147,622</b>	<b>225,057</b>
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**Members' Funds**

Accumulated surplus (deficit)	147,622	225,057
<b>Total Members' funds</b>	<b>147,622</b>	<b>225,057</b>



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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2013**

	2013	2012
<b>Note 1. Reconciliation of net cash flows to net profit (loss) recognised in the Detailed Profit and Loss Statement</b>		
Operating profit (loss) after tax	(\$77,435)	\$20,013
Depreciation	\$14,881	\$20,026
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in receivables & repayments	(\$122,792)	(\$4,417)
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	\$163,372	\$2,971
Increase (decrease) in employment entitlements	\$8,100	\$9,432
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	(\$56,033)	\$63,953
Prior year adjustment to retained earnings	\$0	\$5,759
	(\$69,907)	\$117,737
Net cash paid for Property, Plant and Equipment	(\$3,511)	(\$1,204)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from non-operating activities	(\$3,511)	(\$1,204)
Cash balance at the beginning of the financial year	\$356,419	\$239,886
Net increase(decrease) in cash balance	(\$73,418)	\$116,533
Cash balance at the end of the year	\$283,001	\$356,419

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